

COMMON COUNCIL 10/25/2021

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 25, 2021. Mayor Michael Bablick called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor: Michael Bablick

Aldermen: Chris Hoffman-excused
David Dryer
Michael Mader
Dennis Wartgow
James Corbett -on phone
Anthony Thier
Dina Bukachek
Dan Greenwood-excused

City Attorney: Bryce Schoenborn-appeared by phone in closed session

City Administrator: Brentt Michalek

Also present: Jerry Ernst, Michelle Smith, Deb Hyde, Larry Reas, Jeff Seamandel, Bill Hoffman and Dixie Weidman.

There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Alderman Wartgow made a motion and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to approve the minutes for the September 27, 2021 Common Council meeting and the October 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Ernst informed the council that Sergeant Robert Zoubek is receiving the 2021 Law Enforcement Hero Award on October 27, 2021 in New York. Administrator Michalek told the council he received a letter from Park Falls Area Community Development and they are asking that \$5,000 be put in the City's budget for their annual contribution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bablick presented a donation agreement with the YMCA of the Northwoods for city owned land within the City of Park Falls. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve this agreement. Motion carried, 5-1 with Alderman Dryer saying no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance - Alderman Bukachek made a motion and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$694,704.27. Motion carried, 6-0. Administrator Michalek let the board know that the budget presentation will be on November 15, 2021 and the final budget adoption will be on November 29, 2021.

Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to move the council meeting from the 4th Monday of November (November 22) to the 5th Monday of November (November 29). Motion carried.

Board of Public Works – Jeff Seamandel gave an update on the MSA projects taking place in the City. The hospital project is almost done. The council heard a request from the Park Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for the use of streets on Thursday, November 25, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m. for the annual turkey 5k run/walk. Motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Thier to allow this request. Motion carried. There was a request from the Park Falls Sno Gypsies for the use of the city hall from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2021 for a 5k run/walk and they also requested to use the city streets with the same route as the Evergreen Road Run and Turkey Trot. Motion by Alderman Thier and seconded by Alderman Mader to approve these requests. Motion carried.

Public Services – There was nothing to report.

Personnel – There was nothing to report.

CITY OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Mayor Bablick – In his report, he informed the council he was at the League Conference last week.

City Administrator Michalek – Nothing to report.

Attorney report – nothing to report

Clerk and Treasurer Smith – Nothing to report.

Library Director Hyde – The numbers for circulation are continuing to increase for the library. Karen Tesmer is the county appointment for the library board.

DPW Director Hoffman – The new sweeper is in service and all of the parks are now shut down for the season.

Chief of Police Ernst – The officers will be helping with trunk or treating on Saturday of Halloween and also with trick or treating on Halloween. Winter parking regulations take effect on November 1.

Fire Chief Reas- The truck is getting close to final inspection. Looking at November 15th for a final inspection.

At 6:05 PM there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Bukachek to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding Park Falls Development, LLC); and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g)-conferring with legal counsel for the governing body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Regarding Wisconsin Paper Personal Property, LLC and Wisconsin Paper Real Property, LLC) Motion carried, 6-0. Staff remaining included Administrator Michalek, Clerk and Treasurer Smith, Chief Ernst and DPW Director Hoffman. Attorney Schoenborn joined by phone.

At 6:23 PM., there was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Dryer to reconvene into open session, for discussion and /or to take possible action on closed session items. Motion carried, 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Michelle M. Smith
Clerk and Treasurer